

REMARKS

Claims 47-60, 81-93 and 95-99 are in the instant application. Claims 55-58, 60, 88-93, 98 and 99 are allowed. Claims 47-54, 59, 81, 82, 85-87 and 95-97 are rejected. Claims 83 and 84 are objected to. To reduce the issues, applicants have cancelled claims 50, 51, 59 and 82 without prejudice and have amended claims 47-49, 52-54, 81, 83-87, 96 and 97 to more positively recite applicants' patentably novel laminated article. Claim 100 is added to set forth applicants' patentably novel laminated article in varying scope.

The Office Action alleges that claims 83 and 84 are dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to claims 83 and 84; however, to eliminate this issue claims 83 and 84 are amended. Claim 83 previously dependent from independent claim 50 through claim 82 is amended to present claim 83 as an independent claim having all then limitations of claims 50 and 82.

Claim 84 previously dependent from independent claim 50 through claim 51 is amended to present claim 84 as an independent claim having all the limitations of claims 50 and 51.

Support for the amendments to claims 83 and 84 are found, among other places, in the claims pending in the application. Based on the forgoing, applicants respectfully request admission of the amendments to, consideration of, withdrawal of the objection to, and allowance of, claims 83 and 84.

The Office Action brings applicants attention to the error in the status identifier for claim 60. More particularly, the status identifier for claim 60 should read – (original)—rather than “(previously presented).” Applicants acknowledge the error and have corrected the status identifier for claim 60 to read –(Original)--.

Claim 59 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 59 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph; however, to eliminate this issue, claim 59 is cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 96 and 97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Office Action states that claims 96 and 97 are dependent from claim 46, which is cancelled. To eliminate this issue, claim 96 is amended to dependent from claim 83, discussed above, and claim 97 is amended to dependent from claim 84, discussed above. Support for the amendments to claims 96 and 97 are found, among other places, in the claims pending in the application. Based on the forgoing, applicants respectfully request admission of the amendments to, consideration of, and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, rejection of, claims 96 and 97.

Claims 47-54, 81, 82, 85-87 and 95-97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meijer (U.S. Patent No. 2,878,606). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 47-54, 81, 82, 85-87 and 95-97 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meijer, however to reduce the issues the following action has been taken. Claims 50, 51 and 82, as previously discussed, are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 47, 49, 53, 54, 85, 86 and 96 are amended to be dependent on claim 83, discussed above; claim 95 is dependent on claim 47. Claims 48, 52, 81, 87 and 97 are amended to be dependent on claim 84, discussed above. Support for the amendment to claims 47-49, 52-54, 81, 85-87, 96 and 97 is found, among other places, in the claims pending in the application. Based on the forgoing, applicants respectfully request admission of, consideration of, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of, and allowance of, 47-49, 52-54, 81, 85-87, and 95-97.

The Office Action requires that in claim 48 the quotation marks before the last word in line 2 be deleted, and in claim 81, "the" in line 1 be changed to read --The--. Claims 48 and 81 have been amended accordingly.

Claim 100 is added by this amendment. Claim 100 depends from allowable claim 84, and has support, among other places in claim 54. Based on the forgoing, applicants respectfully request admission, consideration, and allowance of, claim 100.

This amendment represents a sincere effort to place this application in condition for allowance, in the event issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss those issues before action is taken on the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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